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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND TRANSMITTAL
OF EXECUTED DECLARATION**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 12, 2002, in which the Applicants were required to submit substitute drawings and an executed Inventors' Declaration and fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.16(l). This response is timely filed. However, should any extension and fees be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees deemed due from Marshall, Gerstein & Borun's deposit account number 13-2855.

AMENDMENT

IN THE DRAWING

Please replace figures 1A-1H and 2 (9 sheets) as originally filed with substitute formal figures 1A-1H and 2 (9 sheets) filed herewith (**Exhibit A**).

REMARKS

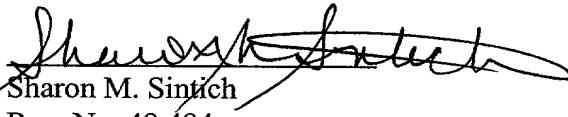
The Patent Office required submission of substitute drawings to comply with the minimum margin requirements set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(g). Substitute formal figures 1A-1H and 2 (9 sheets) are submitted herewith. The information depicted in the substitute drawing is identical to that in the drawing as originally filed. Acceptance of the submitted formal drawings is solicited.

Submitted herewith is a Declaration (**Exhibit B**), 7 documents executed by the inventors, for filing in the above-identified Application. Also enclosed is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts, together with our check in the amount of \$65.00 in payment of the missing parts surcharge (\$65.00).

Respectfully submitted,

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